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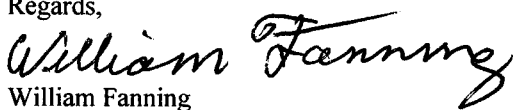
Dear Secretary Johnson,

Credit card companies are taking too much from the businesses that offer their credit and debit card services to customers. As the owner of a small inn - the Brazen Head Inn - I understand the frustration that is involved with dealing with processing companies and the fees they charge. This is why I think it is time for the Federal Reserve to move forward with the twelve cent ruling on debit card swipe fees.

I have run the inn for over eleven years. Over that time, the majority of our payments have been by debit or credit card. Recently, I was very unhappy with the rates I was paying and the toll it was taking on my company's profits. This led me to change processing companies, but it was impossible to find what I determined to be a truly fair deal on the rates I had to pay.

There is little competition among the processing companies and that is why the fees charged for all their services are still much too high. Therefore, a limit must be imposed by the Federal Reserve's ruling. This is a fair amount for all involved in this process and will ensure that small businesses can afford to offer debit and credit card payments to their customers.

Regards,


William Fanning